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Task:

Watch the following Youtube videos about Lucas and Chris (about 7 min in total).

Lucas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7It3EMBTmY>

Chris: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6uVhOKpFXw&list=RDCMUcNPmJ6Czx3OHwIT9UaiO8Ug&index=1> (from 3:36 to 5:03)

Lucas is a native speaker of Spanish from Chile who also knows English. He has been living in Hong Kong and learning Cantonese as a second language. Chris is a polyglot speaking British English as his mother tongue and learning five additional languages including Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, French, and Spanish.

After watching the videos, discuss and answer the questions below:

[1] When and why did Lucas and Chris start to learn Cantonese?

[2] How did they acquire Cantonese as a second language, respectively? To what extent is it different from how we typically acquire our native language(s)?

[3] How do Lucas and Chris compare to native speakers of Hong Kong Cantonese in terms of their production and use of Cantonese (e.g., tones, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, code-mixing, etc.)? Do you think they are native-like in Cantonese? If not, what are the possible explanations for their non-nativeness?